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DAR ES SALAAM AMBASSADOR AND EDMONDSON ONLY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE

LUSAKA FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT NYERERE.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE COMMUNICA-
TION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HAVE FOLLOWED WITH
GREAT INTEREST AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD'S CONSULTATIONS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS MY FIRM HOPE THAT HE WILL BE
ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH YOU, THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS,
THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS, THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES
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PERMIT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO RECONVENE AND PROCEED
RAPIDLY TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION.

3. YOU KNOW THE INTENSE INTEREST WHICH THE UNITED
STATES ATTACHES TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF
ZIMBABWE. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO INDEPENDENCE AND
MAJORITY RULE WITHIN THE PERIOD OF TIME AGREED TO AT

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF

TRANSITION WHICH WILL HAVE AN AFRICAN MAJORITY AS WELL AS SAFEGUARDS FOR ZIMBABWE'S EUROPEAN POPULATION. I HAVE WELCOMED BRITAIN'S INTEREST IN PLAYING A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT ROLE DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION WHICH IS AN OBJECTIVE I KNOW YOU HAVE SOUGHT FOR A LONG TIME. I UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR RICHARD WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL TO YOU HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BRITISH HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR FULL SUPPORT.

4. BRITISH THOUGHTS ON WHAT COULD CONSTITUTE A NEW SETTLEMENT ARE, HOWEVER, AN IMPORTANT DEPARTURE FROM THE PROPOSALS ORIGINALLY ADVANCED. IF SMITH IS TO AGREE TO A NEW FRAMEWORK AND BE BROUGHT BACK TO GENEVA, IT IS IN ALL OF OUR INTERESTS TO FIND WAYS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE NEW BRITISH POSITION AND THE ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK. ONE WAY TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND HELP BRIDGE THE GAP COULD BE A COMMITMENT THAT ONCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED AND INSTALLED IN OFFICE THE WAR WOULD COME TO AN END. AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS NATURE MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO THE NEW BRITISH POSITION. A GUARANTEE OF THIS NATURE WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE UNITED STATES TO EXERCISE ITS INFLUENCE IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY AND WORK TOWARDS OBTAINING AN AGREEMENT TO A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR A ZIMBABWEAN SETTLEMENT.

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5. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT STATEMENTS WHICH FOLLOW YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING IN LUSAKA WILL ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT IF THESE STATEMENTS CARRY A TONE OF CONCILIATION AND INDICATE THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE UNDERLINES ALL OUR OBJECTIVES THE ATMOSPHERE TO THE SOUTH WOULD BE IMPROVED.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL ALSO DISCUSS IN LUSAKA THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA. YOU KNOW MY VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT I BELIEVE IT IS WORTH REITERATING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION AND IS PREPARED TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN NAMIBIA'S FULL INDEPENDENCE. THE LONG DELAY IN LAUNCHING NEGOTIATIONS OVER NAMIBIA HAVE NOT IMPROVED THE SITUATION; NEVERTHELESS, THE PROPOSALS WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED REMAIN A BASIS FOR PROCEEDING. IF YOU, YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND SWAPO AGREE, I BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE BROUGHT TO ACCEPT A FIRM DATE FOR NAMIBIAN

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8. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER."
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